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CHARTERED INCHBALD,

Manager.

Hongkong, November 6, 1893. 247

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Hongkong, May 24, 1893. 47

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the daily balance.

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For 12 months 5%.

For 8 months 4%.

For 6 months 3%.

JOHN THURBURN,

Manager.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 223

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THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 5% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 5% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 15, 1893. 1518

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Hongkong, December 9, 1893. 2108

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GENTLEMEN'S WINTER UNDERCLOTHING.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, November 13, 1893. 1918

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WARM HOSIERY,
FLANNELS,

BLANKETS, RIDER-DOWN QUILTS, &c., &c.

HONGKONG TRADING CO.

J. P. COTTAM,
Managing Partner.

I to 7, D'AGUILAR STREET,
Hongkong, December 1, 1893. 2089

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NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL DESPATCH VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES

named:—

F. R. STEAMSHIP. DATE. REMARKS.

SHANGHAI.....Ganges.....About 16th Dec.....Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c.Rosetta.....Noon, 21st Dec.....See Special Advertisement.

JAPAN.....Ancon.....Noon, 22nd Dec.....Freight or Passage.

LONDON via MARSEILLES.....Malacca.....About 5th Jan, 94.....Freight or Passage.

LONDON.....Manila.....About 16th Jan, 94.....Freight or Passage (calling at Macassar, if sufficient indusmed offers).

For further Particulars, apply to

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 11, 1893. 2111

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

NOTICE.

THERE are a few VACANCIES in the FIELD BATTERY. Gentlemen in

Order to join should lose no time in doing so, in Order that they may be ready to take

part in the ANNUAL GUN PRACTICE of the CORPS. Names should be sent to the ACTING COMMANDANT, who will ar-

range for the necessary Ballot being held.

It is expected that the VOLUNTEER INSTITUTE (Reading and Recreation Room) will be OPENED in DECEMBER.

In connection with this, arrangements will be made for Practice in PENCING, SINGA-

STICK, BOXING, ETC.

F. JERRARD,
Acting Commandant,
H. K. V. Corp.

HEAD QUARTERS, HONGKONG, November 17, 1893. 1984

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE

for Ladies and Gentlemen. Special

attention to Ladies' comfort. Accommodation

Mrs. MATHER, 2 and 3 Poldair's HU.

Hongkong, July 24, 1893. 1287

QUAN YAN & CO., 23, Praya Central, (NEAR VICTORIA HOTEL).

CHINESE AND JAPANESE FANCY

GOODS BAZAAR.

LADIES' DRESS AND UNDERWEAR.

Hongkong, November 25, 1893. 2028

THE MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "MOUNT AUSTIN" HONGKONG.

1,400 FEET ABOVE THE SEA LEVEL. TELEPHONE, NO. 35.

THIS Management HOTEL is situated at the most beautiful part of the Hill.

Draught:—The air is delightfully cool and bracing, the Temperature being at

least 10 degrees lower in the valley beneath. Luxuriously furnished, and Cuisine

and Winter First-class.

THE TABLE D'HOTE DINNER

THE CHINA MAIL

No. 9623.—DECEMBER 12, 1893.

Intimations.

THE Japan Watch Company, LIMITED.

REGISTERED IN HONGKONG AS A LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY.

CAPITAL \$1,000,000,
DIVIDED INTO 40,000 SHARES OF
\$25 EACH.

Terms for Subscription of Shares.
25 per Share on Application;
10 per Share on Allotment;
10 per Share on or about 31st Jan., 1894.

Directors.

EDWARD WHITTALE,
A. H. BUTLER,
J. D. HANKEY.

HENRY CHARLES LITCHFIELD,
P. H. WHEELER.

Superintendent

P. H. WHEELER.

Bankers.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

Legal Adviser.

HENRY CHARLES LITCHFIELD,
Offices.

HONGKONG AND YOKOHAMA.

THE object of the Company is to form
and maintain a factory in Yokohama
for the Manufacture of Watches of all kinds
and descriptions.

For this purpose it is proposed to pur-
chase a site within the limits of the Foreign
Settlement of Yokohama and thereon to
erect the factory.

The founders of the Company are pos-
sessed of a plan of machinery complete in
every particular, of the newest design and
the finest workmanship and adapted for
the making of all implements used in the
watch trade as well as the making of
watches. It is well known that machinery
has effected a complete revolution in the
watch trade and it is confidently expected
that by availing itself of the comparatively
cheap labour of the country this Company
will be able to supply the trade in all parts
of the world with an article which for
excellence of workmanship and cheapness
of price will defy competition.

Mr P. H. Wheeler, the Superintendent
of the Company, has been for many years
engaged in developing watch-making
machinery, and the testimonials from his
former employer testify to his business
ability, skill and integrity. The machinery
of which the founders are possessed has
been perfected under his superintendence
and a considerable part thereof is of his
invention.

Besides the Machinery the founders are
possessed of ten thousand watches in
various stages of completion which are the
out-type of the said Machinery; and mate-
rial on hand sufficient to turn out about
twenty-five thousand more. It will thus
be seen that it is not an untried plant
which the founders have acquired, but one
which has already given proofs of its excel-
lence. It was only the advantage of
obtaining a cheaper labour market than
can be found in the United States that has
induced them to work the business in
Japan.

It is an established fact that the principal
factories in the United States in seven
years paid 300 per cent. dividend on a
capital of Six Million Dollars; and that
was done on a wage basis of \$1.50 (gold) per
operative, the factories employing six thou-
sand hands. If the difference in the rate
of labour in this country is taken into con-
sideration the operations of the Company
will be assured to realize to the full the
expectations of the founders. The profits
of watch-making are based entirely on the
price of labour.

It is not in the labour market only that
an advantage will be obtained. Coal and
other materials can be purchased in this
country at a lower rate than in the United
States. And besides all these advantages,
which are great, there is one of still greater
importance, the knowledge to be obtained
of the requirements of the local trade, of
the trade for China, and that of 'The
Streets' and India. The Company will be
capable of supplying a watch of the best
workmanship to the population of these
large and important countries at a price far
below any watch of like character that has
ever been offered to these markets.

Taking into consideration these advan-
tages the founders confidently expect to
pay a dividend of at least 10 per cent. per
annum on the first two years work, and
thereafter dividends at a much higher rate.

The Company has been registered in
Hongkong as a Limited Company.

The founders take and acquire 30,000
shares of the stock of the Company in pay-
ment for the machinery, plants and stock and
their labour and experience in preparing and
procuring the machinery and stock.

Ten thousand shares of twenty-five yen
each are offered for subscription.

The memorandum and articles of associa-
tion of the Company may be inspected at
the office of the Company, No. 10 Bund,
Yokohama.

Applications for shares should be made
on forms annexed to the Prospectus and
should be forwarded to the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation accompanied
by a remittance for the amount of the de-
posit.

Forms of Application for Shares will be
sent free to any person by addressing the
HEAD OFFICE, 10, Bund, YOKOHAMA.

Yokohama, Japan,
16th October, 1893.

To-day's Advertisements.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

CAPTAIN WILSON having kindly lent
the VICTORIA REGATTA Club the
Barque KITTY as FLAGSHIP, the Com-
mittee request the pleasure of the Company
of the LADIES of HONGKONG Board
on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 14th
and 15th Instant, the occasion of their
ANNUAL REGATTA.

Through the Courtesy of Mr. GILLIES,
the Pilot Fish will convey Passengers to
the Flagship, leaving on EACH DAY, P.M.
at 1 and 1.30 p.m., and returning
10 minutes after the last race.

Admission to the Flagship free. A portion
of the Flagship will be reserved for
Ticket-holders.

REFRESHMENT Supplied by the VICTORIA
HOTEL obtainable on Board.

E. D. SANDERS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 12, 1893. 2126

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undeclared BANKS will be
CLOSED for the Transaction of
Public Business at NOON on THURSDAY
and FRIDAY, the 14th and 15th Instant.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Aus-
tralia and China,'

J. ARMSTRONG,

Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation,'

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

For the 'Comptoir National d'Escompte de
Paris,'

L. GLENAT,

Acting Agent, Hongkong.

For the 'Bank of China, Japan, and the
Straits, Ltd., Hongkong.'

CHARTREY INCALBAL,

Manager.

For the 'National Bank of China, Limited,'

W. F. PLAYFAIR,

Chief Manager.

For the 'Mercantile Bank of India,
Limited,'

JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 12, 1893. 2125

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undeclared INSURANCE
OFFICES will be CLOSED for the
Transaction of Public Business at NOON on
THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 14th
and 15th Instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.;
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

N. J. EDE,

Secretary.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

W. H. PERCIVAL,

Agent.

North China Insurance Co., Ltd.

W. H. RAY,

Secretary.

China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.

SHEWAN & CO.,

Agents.

Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.

JAMES B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

W. M. MACBEAN,

Agent.

The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.;
The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, December 12, 1893. 2130

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL
TRAMWAYS COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
Ninth Ordinary General MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of
the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road
Central, on THURSDAY, the 21st day of
December, at 1 p.m., for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the General Manager,
with a Statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st November, 1893.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 21st to the 27th
Instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 12, 1893. 2129

Douglas Steamship Company,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship
Furness, Capt. HALL, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 14th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFBAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 12, 1893. 2131

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship Ningpo, Capt. TH. LEHMANN, will be
despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 14th Inst., at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMESSEN & CO.,
Hongkong, December 12, 1893. 2132

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
FOR SHANGHAI.

Taking Corp. & Passengers at through rates
NINGPO, CHEFOU, NEW-
CHOW, TIENTSIN, HANKOW
and Ports on the YANGTZE.

The Co.'s Steamship
Palawan, Captain JACKSON, will be
despatched as above on
THURSDAY, the 14th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1893. 2128

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).

The Steamship Taiyuan, Capt. TANAKA, will be
despatched as above on
FRIDAY, the 22nd Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1893. 2128

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUZU CANAL
The Co.'s Steamship
Ulysses, Captain LAROIX, will be
despatched as above on
THURSDAY, the 13th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1893. 2053

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via)
Nagasaki, Kobe, Fukuoka, Fukuoka
and Hamamatsu, at 10 a.m., at daylight.

China (via Nagasaki),
Kobe, Inland Sea, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27,
Kobe, 10 a.m., at 1 p.m.

Port (via Nagasaki), SATURDAY, Jan. 13,
Kobe, Inland Sea, 1894, at daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1893. 2126

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

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Nagasaki, Kobe, Fukuoka, Fukuoka
and Hamamatsu, at 10 a.m., at daylight.

China (via Nagasaki),
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Hongkong, December 12, 1893. 2125

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUZI CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—*Lingfield*, October 31; *Penton*, *Budapest*, *Genoa*, Nov. 17; *Gremiel*, *Benomond*, 21; *Bombay*, 23; *Postos*, *Sachsen*, *Purpur*, 25; *Dundas*, *Irene*, Dec. 1; *Diomed*, *McLoughlin*, 6; *Olenorby*, *Kennun*, 6.

HOMeward BOUND.—*St. Albans*, Nov. 7; *Stratford*, 28; *Cardiganshire*, *Titian*, *Java*, *Bellona*, Dec. 1; *Bayern*, 6; *Sydney*, 6.

The M. C. Co.'s steamer *Natal*, with the *French Mail* of November 10, left *Singapore* on Dec. 11, and may be expected here on about Thursday, the 14th Dec.

This packet brings replies to letters despatched from *Hongkong* on 4th Oct.

The P. S. S. *China*, with the *American Mail* of Nov. 21, left *Yokohama* on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, Dec. 17.

The P. O. S. *China*, with the *English Mail* of Nov. 17, left *Singapore* on Monday, the 11th Dec., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 17th Dec., at 2 p.m. This packet brings reply to letters despatched from *Hongkong* on Oct. 12th.

The P. O. S. *Steamer Mogul*, from *Tacoma*, *Wash.*, leaves *Yokohama* on Dec. 13.

The O. S. S. *Belgic*, with mails, &c., left *San Francisco* for this port, via *Yokohama*, on Nov. 30.

The P. O. S. *Peru*, with mails, &c., left *San Francisco* for this port, via *Yokohama*, on Dec. 9.

The D. D. R. S. *Frigga*, from *Hamburg*, left *Singapore* for this port on Dec. 1, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 12.

The O. S. S. *Co. a. Palmarus* left *Singapore* on Dec. 2, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 12.

The O. S. S. *Kutuzan*, from *Calcutta*, &c., left *Singapore* on Dec. 5, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 14.

The Amurian Lloyd's steamer *Gisela*, from *Trieste*, left *Singapore* for this port on Dec. 7, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 16.

The O. S. S. *China Mutual a. s. Phoenix*, from *Glasgow* and *Liverpool*, left *Singapore* on Dec. 9, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 16.

The D. D. R. S. *Prin*, from *Hamburg*, left *Singapore* for this port on Dec. 9, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 17.

The P. O. S. *Steamer Stura* left *Bombay* for this port on Dec. 10, and may be expected here on or about Jan. 1, 1899.

The P. O. S. *Steamer Bayou* left *London* for this port on Nov. 11.

The N. P. steamer *Mogul* arrived at *Yokohama* today, from *Tacoma*, and leaves for *Hongkong* to-morrow morning.

The P. O. S. *Company's a. s. Ganges* left *Singapore* for this port on the 11th inst., at 2 p.m., with the outward English mails, and is expected here about 2 p.m. on Sunday, the 17th inst.

The Head of the 1st Shropshire L. I. will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

Overture:—*'The Pretender'* *Kuka*,
Gondoliers *Footsteps* *Code*,
Serenade *Feaverian Song* *Roeder*,
Valley *'The Song of Flirt'* *Meredith*,
Selection *'Le Squat'* *Bottom*.

It will be learnt with great satisfaction (says the *N. O. Daily News*) that Mr. N. J. Haines, H. M. S. Consul-General, whose services the Chamber of Commerce invoked in this matter, has succeeded in persuading the Taishu to pay his promised half of the estimated expense of getting Sir Charles Hartley to come and report on the Works of the *Shantung* and the *Yunnan* that had already pined in Mr. Hartley's hands for the purpose of sum of three thousand taels, promising to pay a similar sum on the arrival of the distinguished engineer.

CHRISTMAS GOODS AT THE STORES.

Christmas is once more within measurable distance. Not that there can be much mistake as to when Christmas is due, but just about this time certain outward signs begin to manifest themselves and render it impossible for the average Britisher to overlook the fact. There is something inexorable about the march of time; even the non-philosophic mind is impressed with this as we pass the metaphysical milestones of birthdays and our annual holidays. To some the approach of the festive season is not an unmixed pleasure. We live in an age of present-giving which neither the warm reminiscences of a *Quid* nor the geniality of a *Jerome* seems to have the slighted effect towards diminishing. In its way it is a pretty custom this of presenting. Apart altogether from the accepted belief that it teaches people to be less selfish, it is an undoubted fact that the custom is responsible for the employment of large classes of men and women in the manufacture of articles particularly appropriate to this gift-giving season, and the man who opens his purse-strings for the purchase of even the smallest gift knows that by so doing he is not merely bestowing pleasure upon the fortunate recipient of his bounty, but is helping to keep in motion the whole of that complex machinery necessary for the existence of our commercial life. Though *Hongkong* residents are not nearly so affluent as in former years the storekeepers are determined that the old spirit of generosity, the distinctive feature of Colonial life, shall not be allowed to die out. At all the stores the most tempting articles are displayed with the deliberate intent of coaxing every spare dollar from the pocket.

Miss *Lane*, *Crawford* and *Co.*, 'the Whirlwinds of the East,' stand, as usual, in the forefront amongst the Christmas stores with all the latest novelties. To keep Santa Claus busy by delighting the hearts of the children, this firm has a large stock of mechanical and clockwork toys of

French and English manufacture, and for the same young consumers—the word is used advisedly—there is a large stock of plain, wholesome confectionery, which may be mixed, according to taste, by those who are not rabidly patriotic, with confectionery of more elaborate French manufacture, and none the less wholesome. Of fancy leather goods suitable for presents for young and old alike there is an infinite variety in albums for the photograph, autograph or stamp collectors, travelling bags and dressing cases, jewel cases, photograph frames and other birthday and Christmas presents of an inexpensive nature put up in leather cases. The latest designs in table flower-set are also represented. Oster, it is well known, always leads with the latest and best designs in fancy glassware, and amongst glassware, *Crawford* and Company's stock we noticed some very fine specimens in artiatic flint which is the prevailing style this season. It is, perhaps, only fitting that presents should also come from the ladies to their male friends, and to them who are filled with a desire to confer lasting enjoyment upon the husband of their bosoms or their bachelor friends there is a large and varied stock of maceschau and silver-mounted briar-root pipes and snuffer's requisites from which to choose. The same firm have a fine collection of pretty drawing-room ornaments, standard and table lamps, electro-plated ware, cheap magic lanterns, asportments of Messrs I. and H. Ayres' newest parlour games, lamp shades, &c., and we must not omit to mention their stock of Huntley and Palmer's Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings and Tom Smith's crackers without which no table in a British Colony on Christmas day would be complete.

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G. de CHAMPEAUX,
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J. S. VAN BUREN,
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